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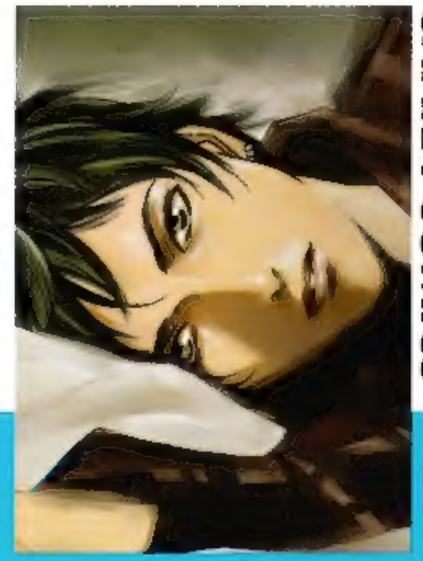

CHARA COMICS

天鳥への片想いに終止符をうち、ヒカルと真摯に向き合う決心をしたユキ。一方、天鳥はトオルへの想いが本物だと自覚したものの、過去の恋人に囚われるトオルに振り回されて…。いま、四人の青年たちの恋愛が、ひとつの結末を迎える——。「拳」156P描き下し、宮本佳野が描く青春群像ロマン、五年の時を経てついに完結!!

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HEY...

HOW DOES IT FEEL...?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

NN...

...IT'S HOT INSIDE AND

KIND OF TIGHT...

pi

...WHAT?

DOES IT FEEL GOOD...?

YEAH...

NN...

DOES IT FEEL GOOD...?

SERIOUSLY...?

...IN WHAT WAY?

ATORI...

I...

Hn...

Creak

AH...

WHAT?

SAY IT.

YE...AH.

AND HERE...?

Squeeze

SHIT...

I'M GOING TO COME...

WHA...

ALREADY?

AH... HOLD ON...

BUT DON'T...

WHAT'S WRONG?

Creak

NN...

AH-WAIT...

YOU USUALLY LAST LONGER...?

Creak

Creak

NN...

HAA...

EVEN LIKE THIS, CLOSER THAN ANYONE,

DO-DON'T TOUCH THERE...

UH...

OH-YEAH...

AH...

JUST...

DON'T DO THIS WITH ANYONE ELSE.

I'M ALWAYS

HAA

HAA...

THAT FACE...

THINKING...

HUH...?

Haa

Haa

DON'T SHOW IT TO ANYONE BUT ME...

NN...

OF TOORU'S

Haa

YEAH...

PROMISE ME...

TRUE FEELINGS...

YEAH...

YOU'RE SPENDING THE NIGHT, RIGHT?

HUH?

...HAVE YOU TALKED ABOUT IT YET?

ABOUT US WITH PRINCESS YUKI.

HM?

RUSTLE

NO,

HE'S BEEN BUSY STUDYING...

Popsicle

HMPH.

WELL, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF YOU TELL HIM ANYWAY.

WHAT, ARE YOU SULKING OR SOMETHING?

Pat Pat

ATORI-KUN. ♡

...

...YOU DIDN'T ANSWER EARLIER.

HUH?

NOT REALLY...

Wiggle Wiggle

SO, THEN,

WHAT? IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, THEN SAY IT.

...

I knew it...

SCRATCH

DID YOU ASK SOMETHING?

...AH.

I'M NOT.

I TOLD YOU.

DON'T DO IT WITH OTHER GUYS ANYMORE...

HUH? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

...

JUST FOR NOW, I'M SURE!

I'VE STOPPED SELLING MYSELF, AND THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER MEN OR WOMEN.

SO WHO AM I DOING IT W TH?

...I KNOW!

...KNOCK IT OFF ALREADY. WHAT ARE YOU WORRYING ABOUT!?

I'M NOT A BRAT. I JUST TURNED 18 A LITTLE WHILE AGO!

I DON'T KNOW. I'M GOING HOME!

clatter

REALLY?

IS THAT SO?

LITTLE BRAT!

I'M DOING EXACTLY AS YOU ASKED.

IT'S FINE.

YOU SAID THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.

MM...

HM?

SHOULD I BUY YOU SOMETHING?

OH, WHAT?

MM... SO...

THAT'S RIGHT. I'VE GOT A GOOD IDEA.

AH... OW...

JUST BEAR WITH IT. IT'LL BE OVER SOON.

BODYSOUL.

TATOO STUDIO

DON'T TOUCH IT TOO MUCH.

DID IT HURT?

A LITTLE...

THERE. IT'S DONE!

HM...

HEHE...

IT'S FINE. AFTER ALL, YOU'VE DESIGNED FLASH* FOR ME.

Nn...

THANK YOU, SHIGE-SAN.

I SEE...

?

WELL, I'LL TEXT YOU SOMETIME.

HM?

SAME AS USUAL.

...HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?

*T/N: Flash are tattoo designs displayed in shops for customers to choose from.

...

LET'S GO.

AH, SHIGE-SAN?

I KNOW, RIGHT? HE'S COOL AND KIND.

THAT GUY WAS PRETTY COOL...

...HOW DO YOU KNOW HIM?

HM? OH, WELL, HE INKED MY TATTOOS...

WE HANG OUT SOMETIMES WHEN HE'S FREE.

...

IS IT THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP?

WELL... WAIT.

WHAT, ARE YOU GOING TO SULK AGAIN?

...

...JUST FORGET IT...

I'M TELLING YOU, IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO!

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED...

HUH...?

I...

I'M IN LOVE WITH TOORU.

WH... WHAT DID YOU SAY?

AT FIRST IT WAS LIKE THE WAY YOU STARTED OUT WITH HIKARU-SAN.

DOING IT WAS OUR ONLY RELATIONSHIP. BUT...

...SO... WHAT DOES TOORU-SAN SAY?

DOES HE FEEL THE SAME WAY...?

THAT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENED ...

I DON'T EVEN REALLY UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF.

BIT BY BIT, I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM, I GUESS...

ATORI...

YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'VE CHANGED. HAVE YOU GOTTEN THINNER?

OH, REALLY? I THINK I'VE GROWN A LITTLE, MAYBE.

LOOK, MY PANTS ARE SHORT.

Lame.

HM?

AH... NO, IT'S JUST...

AH, REALLY.

I GUESS IT'S TRUE THAT YOU KEEP GROWING UNTIL YOU'RE ABOUT 20.

HUH?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR ARM?

IT'S BANDAGED.

DID YOU HURT YOURSELF? LET ME SEE.

...IT'S A SECRET.

HUH?

!

THAT... A TATTOO!?

THIS...

YEAH...

TOORU DESIGNED THE IMAGE FOR ME.

BUT, ATORI...

I-IS THAT OKAY...?

ERASING THOSE ARE REALLY DIFFICULT, YOU KNOW?

IT'S FINE. EVERYONE'S DOING IT.

BESIDES, WE'LL BE GRADUATING SOON.

OH...
I-I SEE.

A-ATORI! THE BUS STOP IS THIS WAY.

AH.

I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DO.

YEAH.

WANT TO COME ALONG? I'LL INTRODUCE YOU PROPERLY.

COO

I'M MEETING WITH TOORU.

SOMETHING TO DO?

COO

...I SEE.

CAW

N-NO...

IT'S FINE. I...

THAT PERSON...

...AH.

HM?

S-SEE YOU ATORI

YEAH

THAT'S TOORU-SAN RIGHT

(...)

(...)

(...)

YEAH.
YOU KNOW IT'S REALLY POPULAR WITH GAYS RIGHT NOW.
RE-REALLY? IT'S JUST A POLO SHIRT...

THAT'S RIGHT. POPPING THE COLLAR AND EVERYTHING.
Y .. YOU MEAN SCHOOLBOY MANIA?

YOUR UNIFORM'S CUTE.

HEY LET'S GO DO SOMETHING

HUH?

DO YOU HAVE CLASS TODAY?

YEAH IT'S BORING EVERYDAY

HMM.

YEAH.

YEAH. WE HARDLY EVER HANG OUT DURING THE DAY

IT'S ENOUGH

IT SHOULD BE FINE ONCE IN A WHILE

THAT WE CAN BE TOGETHER LIKE THIS RIGHT NOW

YO.
IT'S BEEN
A WHILE.

HM?

HEY,
HAVEN'T
YOU
GOTTEN
TALLER?

YEAH,
SEEMS
LIKE IT.

HE REALLY
HAS CHANGED,
HASN'T HE?

I MIGHT EVEN
CATCH UP TO
HIKARU-SAN...

HOW TALL
ARE YOU,
HIKARU-
SAN?

HM... 180
CENTIMETERS
OR SO?

I
SEE...

I'M
FINE WITH
ANYTHING,
SO ORDER
WHATEVER
YOU WANT.

YEAH.

...WHAT'S WRONG, ATORI?

Um.. This and this..

HM?

WHAT? IT'S ONLY 250 YEN, YOU KNOW.

I'VE TOLD YOU, I DON'T LIKE SWEET THINGS!

Ah. I see

WHAT ABOUT DESSERT, HIKARU-SAN?

I DON'T WANT ANY.

...

WHAT A SARCASTIC GUY.

Hehe

OH, I WAS JUST THINKING WHAT A GOOD COUPLE YOU TWO MAKE.

...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ARE THE TWO OF YOU DIFFERENT?

I HONESTLY THINK THAT...

I'M NOT BEING SARCASTIC.

...

...WHAT ABOUT IT?

...I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU, OF COURSE.

I HEARD ABOUT YOU AND TOORU.

Told him.

...

PLUS, I'M THE ONE THAT INTRODUCED YOU TO TOORU.

YUKI'S RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAGGING YOU INTO THIS KIND OF THING, AFTER ALL.

REALLY...?

...IT'S PRETTY MUCH LIKE I TOLD YUKI BEFORE.

Clench

...

SO THERE'S NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT.

SOMETIMES WE GET TOGETHER AND TALK... NOTHING UNUSUAL.

WILL YOU TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON?

...

IT DOESN'T REALLY LOOK THAT WAY TO ME.

HIKARU-SAN, STOP IT ALREADY!

TOORU'S STOPPED SELLING HIMSELF AND EVERYTHING.

NOTHING ELSE HAS REALLY CHANGED...

Thank you for waiting.-

...

WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

IT'S ATORI'S PROBLEM ...

YOU'VE ONLY KNOWN HIM FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

JUST WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM?

...I NEED TO SAY THIS.

MAYBE.

THAT'S A PRETTY LONG TIME.

DO YOU THINK THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU KNOWS HIM BETTER THAN I DO?

...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

...HEY.

JEEZ, HIKARU-SAN, COME ON!

MAN, YOU'RE LOUD. SHUT UP.

I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS NOW.

...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "SOMEONE LIKE YOU"?

THUD

I MEAN A NORMAL KID LIKE YOU!

SHUT UP!

NOW, LOOK...

AH-WAIT-ATORI!?

LET HIM GO!

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

SLAM

DROP IT.

SIT DOWN, STUPID, YOU'RE MAKING A SCENE.

YOU BE QUIET TOO.

HIKARU-SAN, JEEZ! WHY DID YOU SAY THAT...?

IT'S NOT GOOD FOR HIM TO BE GOING OUT WITH A GUY LIKE TOORU.

...

...

NOW, LISTEN.

FWUMP

BESIDES, NEITHER ONE OF THEM IS EVEN GAY. THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF MISUNDERSTANDING GOING ON THERE.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM TOO!

NOT THERE. GO TO THE OTHER SIDE!

WHAT!?

HE'S CERTAINLY GOT A PRETTY FACE AND A STRANGE KIND OF CHARM,

BUT HE DOESN'T SUIT ATORI.

...IS TOORU-SAN REALLY THAT...?

HE'S NO ONE TO TRIFLE WITH.

HE'S LIKE ONE OF THOSE HIGH SCHOOLERS WHO GETS PAID BY WOMEN TEN YEARS OLDER THAN HE IS.

I'M JUST LOOKING OUT FOR HIM!

...

...

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY HE'S LOOKING MATURE.

HE HAS ANY NUMBER OF PIERCINGS. HE'S GOT TATTOOS...

ANYWAY, YOU'RE AT LEAST PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS.

IF YOU'RE HIS FRIEND, PAY CLOSER ATTENTION TO HIM.

DON'T YOU THINK HIS EXPRESSION HAS GOTTEN DARKER?

TH-THAT'S... BUT...

YOU DON'T KNOW THAT. THINGS MIGHT WORK OUT...

...HOW CAN YOU LOOK AT HIM AND NOT REALIZE?

YEAH,

HALF FOR EACH OF US.

A-ATORI'S PORTION TOO!?

...ARE YOU OKAY, ATORI?

...YEAH...

ENOUGH ALREADY. JUST HURRY UP AND EAT!

I'M STILL AT SCHOOL. I'M WORKING ON AN ASSIGNMENT

I'M GOING TO BE LATE, BUT WILL YOU WAIT?

YEAH...

YEAH, I'LL WAIT.

...AH, HELLO?

TOORU, WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?

Squeeze

...

AH...
JEEZ...

...!

HM?

MUST BE THE PICTURES FROM BEFORE.

MIGHT AS WELL LOOK...

THIS...

THE SAME AS TOORU'S...?

RUSTLE

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

UH... WHAT?

NOT REALLY... SAME AS NORMAL.

REALLY?

AREN'T YOU KIND OF MOODY? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN PRETTY DOWN?

...NOTHING IN PARTICULAR...

HMM?

AH-RIGHT, RIGHT.

HM?

I THOUGHT I'D ASK YOU TO MODEL FOR ME A LITTLE.

LOOK TO THE SIDE. I'M GOING TO DO A ROUGH SKETCH.

...NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, WHY DID YOU GO TO COLLEGE FOR ART ANYWAY?

HM? NO, I HAVEN'T REALLY GIVEN IT MUCH THOUGHT.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A DESIGNER?

...

BUT, I GOT GOOD GRADES FOR ART IN HIGH SCHOOL, EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T REALLY INTERESTED IN IT.

REALLY...

SO IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT I GO TO THE SCHOOL I'M AT NOW.

HMM...

THIS KIND OF THING DIDN'T BECOME ENJOYABLE UNTIL AFTER I CAME TO SCHOOL HERE.

THAT'S PROBABLY WHY I'VE CONTINUED.

DO YOU LOVE ME?

...TOORU.

HM?

HAVE YOU BEEN STUDYING PROPERLY?

YEAH, I GUESS...

YOU COULD SAY THAT...

WHAT IS THIS, ALL OF A SUDDEN...

COME ON, JUST SAY IT!

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU ASKING?

ANSWER ME!

WHY ARE YOU DOUBTING ME?

I LOVE YOU.

I TOLD YOU THAT.

WHY AM I SO UNEASY, I WONDER.

HEY...

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER!

WHY DOES HE FEEL SO FAR AWAY...?

I WANT TO TAKE YOU...

WH-NO WAY!!

HEY... CAN I DO YOU?

Sleep...

HUH?

LET'S DO IT.

JUST LOOKING AT YOUR FACE TURNS ME ON.

UH...

I'M SLEEPY...

IT'S ONLY MIDNIGHT. YOU'RE FINE.

NO, NO, DEFINITELY NO!!

GROPE GROPE

JUST A LITTLE. JUST A LITTLE...

IF IT HURTS, I'LL STOP.

Pull

WELL, WHATEVER. IN ANY CASE...

AH- WAIT!

...

Wheeze Wheeze

SHIT.

Boring

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO DO IT...?

YEAH.

WH-WHY ARE YOU ASKING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

WAIT A MINUTE... NN!

DO YOU LIKE THIS?

HM?

MAKE UP YOUR MIND.

Suck

I-I DON'T KNOW, THAT KIND OF THING...

NN...

WELL, EVERYONE LIKES BLOWJOBS.

REALLY?

ANYWAY, I WONDER HOW MANY THIS MAKES.

I'M GOOD AT IT, RIGHT?

...IT.

...

...!

creak

HUH?

HEY, HOLD STILL.

AS YOU'D EXPECT, I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER.

AH!

thump

I SAID, STOP IT!

DAMN IT.

...I'M LEAVING!

THAT HURT. WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

SLAM

DIDN'T I SAY IT?

EVERYONE JUST DISAPPEARS.

THAT PERSON, TOORU,

ME.

AH... HIKARU-SAN?

IT'S ME, IT'S ME. ATORI.

WHO IS IT!?

Click

Ding Dong Ding Dong

WHAT!?

Click

CLATTER

WHOOPSIE.

HIKARU-SAN.

AH!

Open

ATORI!? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

AH!

Cling Cling

MMM... ♡

DID YOU JUST TAKE A BATH? YOU SMELL GOOD, HIKARU-SAN...

...

Great...

WHAT IS THIS? WHY DO YOU REEK OF ALCOHOL?

HELLO...

HEY, CAN I COME IN? CAN I COME IN? LET ME STAY...

HERE!

PUSH

JUST DRINK IT!

OW, OW, OW. I GET IT.

DRINK SOME WATER!

Sway

Sway

DILUTE THAT ALCOHOL A LITTLE.

...JEEZ...

JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

HUH... BUT I HAVEN'T DRANK ANY OF THAT...

MM... THE THING IS...

DRINKING LIKE THIS WHEN YOU'RE STILL A MINOR...

WHERE DID YOU GO, HUH!?

YEAH.

clench

YOU SEE... EARLIER, AT TOORU'S PLACE,

...WHAT HAPPENED?

HE PISSES ME OFF. TOORU.

SHOCK

!

WHEN TOORU WAS GIVING ME A BLOWJOB,

TOORU...

HUH?

You're making the old man blush.

...AH, I-I SEE...

WHY WOULD HE INTENTIONALLY SAY A THING LIKE THAT?

DIDN'T HE KNOW HOW THAT WOULD MAKE ME FEEL!?

...

HE SAID SOMETHING TO ME LIKE

"I'VE DONE IT WITH A LOT OF GUYS, SO I'M REALLY GOOD..."

...

YOU KNEW THAT WHEN YOU WENT OUT WITH HIM, RIGHT?

I KNOW ALL THAT...

BUT IT PISSES ME OFF.

...NOW, LOOK.

WHY GET UPSET ABOUT IT NOW...

IT CAN'T BE HELPED. YOU CAN'T JUST ERASE THE THINGS THAT YOU'VE DONE.

IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO NOT DO IT FROM NOW ON.

YEAH, BUT IT JUST...

I'VE DECIDED THAT I'M GOING TO DO IT WITH A BUNCH OF GUYS TOO.

IT'S FINE... IF I DON'T,

WHAT!?

I WON'T BE ABLE TO FORGIVE TOORU.

PLUS...

LET'S DO IT.

...HIKARU-SAN.

Rustle

I SAID I WANT YOU TO HAVE SEX WITH ME.

...

WHAT!? WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

KISS ME.

HEY.

GRAB

!

WH-WH-WH-WHY ARE YOU STRIPPING!

STOP IT, STUPID!

DIDN'T YOU ALREADY BEFORE...?

AH, JEEZ. IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.

THAT'S THE REASON

WHY I'VE ENDED UP LIKE THIS

DO IT TO ME TOO

WAI

YES

YOU REALLY ARE A BAD TEMPERED DRUNK!

I'LL GIVE YOU A BLOW JOB THROUGH YOUR UNDERWEAR!

KNOCK IT OFF ALREADY!

HEY

WHAT DO YOU USUALLY DO WITH YUKI?

HAA

HEY HIKARU-SAN

HAH?

I LIKE YOU HIKARU-SAN

IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YUKI

I MIGHT REALLY HAVE FALLEN FOR YOU.

YEAH

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

DO YOU LIKE ME TOO HIKARU-SAN ?

IF YUKI HADN'T BEEN HERE,

I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ATTRACTED TO YOU.

...

PHEW...

AH .. THAT WAS CLOSE...

THE SLEEPING PILL FINALLY KICKED IN...

...

ATORI?

...

JUST OBEDIENTLY SLEEP, PLEASE...

...

And now...

SNORE SNORE

NOW I NEED TO JERK OFF ..

SMACK
??
UGH!

AH!

Shake

Shake

WHA... SHUT UP ALREADY.

DI... DID WE DO IT...?

DID WE?

YOU TOOK YOUR CLOTHES OFF. DON'T YOU REMEMBER!?

WHAT!?

NO WAY. SERIOUSLY!?

YOU CAN FIGURE THAT MUCH OUT JUST BY LOOKING AT YOUR OWN BODY!

STUPID!

...

WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

JEEZ, YOU'RE A PERSISTENT LITTLE BRAT.

Someone like me?

...

N-NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I DON'T HURT ANYWHERE.

W-WE REALLY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING?

Heh.

HM?

WELL, I GOT A FEW GOOD MEMORIES OUT OF IT.

WH-THEN, I DID YOU!?

MORON. LIKE I WOULD LET SOMEONE LIKE YOU DO THAT TO ME!

...

WH-WHAT!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

SHUT UP.

I JUST TOUCHED YOU A LITTLE.

AH, THERE TOO.

HONESTLY, DO YOU KNOW JUST HOW MUCH SELF-RESTRAINT I DEMONSTRATED?

...

SERIOUSLY, STAY AWAY FROM THE ALCOHOL!

YEAH...

I... I'M SOR... RY...

AH, WHATEVER. YOU SHOULD GO TAKE A BATH OR SOMETHING.

THAT'LL TAKE CARE OF THE LAST OF YOUR DRUNKENNESS.

Achoo

YEAH...

SORRY...

OH...

IT WAS NOISY SO I SHUT IT OFF.

YES?

...HEY.

YOUR CELL PHONE WAS RINGING FOR A WHILE.

SLAM

TOORU...

Incoming Tooru

PI

POUR

WHY DID YOU DO THAT...

POUR

BONK

ANYWAY...

COME PICK ATOR! UP.

HUH?

AH, HELLO.

YUKI? YEAH, IT'S ME...

LOOK,

POUR

We sure kissed a lot..

I'M REMEMBERING A BUNCH OF THINGS NOW..

WITH HIKARU-SAN...

IT SEEMS LIKE I DID A FAIR AMOUNT...

?

Splash Splash

AH, WHAT AM I GOING TO DO...?

I ONLY HAVE CEREAL, BUT DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO EAT?

AH, WEAR THAT SHIRT OVER THERE

SINCE YOURS IS DIRTY.

SLAM

THEN HAVE SOME COFFEE.

NO...

OH, YEAH...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

DO YOU TAKE MILK?

...HIKARU-SAN.

POUR

POUR

NO... I-IT'S... ANYTHING ABOUT HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU OR SOMETHING...

UM... DID I SAY ANYTHING YESTERDAY?

HM?

WHAT!?

Here.

OH.

YOU SAID THAT YOU LIKE ME OR SOMETHING.

...

AFTER YOU GOT SO UPSET ABOUT TOORU...

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE TO CONFESS TO ME.

SE-SE-SE-SERIOUSLY!?

I MIGHT HAVE WANTED TO SEE YOU...

B-BUT, HIKARU-SAN, I...

HM?

I UNDERSTAND. IN ANY CASE, I'M SURE YOU JUST SAID IT BECAUSE YOU WERE SO WORKED UP.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANYMORE

I HAVE YUKI, AFTER ALL...

I REALLY LI

Push

Push

Clamp

MMPH.

..

I-I MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LITTLE DESPERATE BECAUSE OF TAKARU, BUT

DON'T CAUSE ME MORE PROBLEMS

HUH...?

COUGH COUGH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HAHAHA. MO-RON.

Blow

AH!

SHIT. THAT JERK...

ANYWAY, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET THROUGH ENTRANCE EXAMS IF YOU'RE DOING THIS STUFF?

I'VE BEEN STUDYING!

MY GRADES HAVEN'T FALLEN AT ALL.

OH, I SEE. YOU'RE PRETTY RESIL ENT, I GUESS.

WHAT-EVER...

HM?

...HEY.

I CALLED YUKI.

...

ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY?

Huh?

WH-WHY!?

WHY DID YOU CALL HIM!?

IT'S ONLY RIGHT!

IF HE FINDS OUT YOU STAYED AND THINGS GET COMPLICATED,

...

HUH?

HE'LL BE OVER SOON TO PICK YOU UP, SO GO HOME WITH HIM.

WHAT'D YOU SAY, YOU BRAT?

LIKE I CARE.

Stupid.

SORRY! IT'S A PAIN WHEN HE GETS MAD AT ME.

RATTLE RATTLE

Click

SLAM

Gah!

!

YOU EXPLAIN IT!

I CAN'T DEAL WITH HIM DOUBTING MY MOTIVES.

HEY.

WHAT IS THIS? WHEN IT COMES TO HIM, YOU'RE COMPLETELY LAZY, AND AT YOUR AGE!

A... TO... RI...

Pant Pant

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!

DIDN'T I SAY THAT HE'S A DIRTY OLD MAN, SO IT'S DANGEROUS?

...WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

...

Jeez...

Dirty old man?

I'M TELLING YOU, WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

YEAH, RIGHT!

WHY DID YOU COME HERE!? I WARNED YOU ABOUT THIS!

THERE'S NO WAY YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...

THADUMP

HUH!?

glance

HEY, YOU GUYS, YOU'RE NOISY.

I'M GOING BACK TO BED, SO DO THIS OUTSIDE. OUT!

Shh Shh

...

THERE'S NO WAY THAT THE TWO OF YOU SPENT A NIGHT ALONE TOGETHER AND DIDN'T DO SOMETHING.

I'M TELLING YOU WE DIDN'T.

WHY WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME!?

...

TAKE IT OUTSIDE! OUT!

CAN'T YOU EVEN TRUST YOUR OWN BOYFRIEND?

WHY DID YOU COME HERE AFTER QUARRELING WITH TOORU-SAN ANYWAY?

IT'S LIKE YOU'RE SAYING, "DO ME!" OR SOMETHING.

DON'T COME BACK!

SHUT UP, YOU BRATS!!

SLAM

Click

...

ATORI... DID SOMETHING HAPPEN WITH TOORU-SAN?

MM...

...LET'S GO!

YEAH...

HONESTLY, I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT, BUT...

IT WAS THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. PLUS, I CAN'T SAY STUFF LIKE THIS.

I DON'T HAVE THE BALLS TO COME CRYING TO YOU ABOUT TOORU.

...WHY DID YOU COME HERE?

WELL...

YE...

YEAH, I GUESS...

...

...SO THEN YOU WENT TO HIKARU-SAN'S PLACE...?

...THERE WAS NOWHERE ELSE I COULD GO.

OH...

C-COULD IT BE THAT... YOU LIKE HIKARU-SAN...?

!

WHAT DO I DO...

Gloom

...

HEY.

...

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

HUH?

D-DON'T MISUNDER-STAND, YUKI!

I DON'T REALLY FEEL ANYTHING FOR HIKARU-SAN...

Not listening.

...

I-IF I DID, I...

COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE FICKLE?

!

...HEY,

HIKARU-SAN IS HEAD OVER HEELS FOR YOU.

HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ME AT ALL!

...

SERIOUSLY?

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOU DID GO OUT WITH TWO GIRLS AT ONCE WHEN WE WERE JUNIORS...

AH!

I-I AM NOT!

WHICH ONE OF US ARE YOU JEALOUS OF ANYWAY?

ME OR HIKARU-SAN?

!

...ANYWAY, YUKI.

WHAT?

Don't pull!

DID YOU REALLY NOT DO ANYTHING WITH HIKARU-SAN!?

I DIDN'T, I DIDN'T, I DIDN'T.

B...

...

BOTH!

OH, I SEE.

WHAT, YOU'RE NOT SURE?

WHAT...!?

Stop

KICK

OW-

...

HMM.

WELL, WE SHOULD HAVE INCLUDED YOU AND MADE IT A THREESOME!

B-BUT

IT JUST PISSES ME OFF...

THESE GUYS ARE MORONS.

Ow ow ow ow ow, don't pull my hair!

Ah-Ow. What's with you!

HOMO! HOMO!

THANKS A BUNCH FOR KICKING ME, YOU LITTLE SQUIRT!

WHY ARE YOU GETTING US INVOLVED, ANYWAY?

YOU'RE A HOMO TOO.

YOU LITTLE...

THAT HURT, YOU KNOW!

twinge twinge

Hehe

That seriously hurts, you jerk!

It's your own fault.

IT MUST BE YOUTH...

HMM...

HEY.

SPLISH

SPLASH

OH, WELCOME. YOU'RE ALONE?

AHAHA. I GUESS THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS.

WHAT'S WITH THAT?

Beer

MY HIGH SCHOOLER HAS ENTRANCE EXAMS AND NO TIME FOR GOING OUT WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME.

YO.

!

GRAB

AH!

YEAH, WELL,

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU.

TOORU...

You startled me.

...I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE LIVES.

WHO DO YOU MEAN?

WHAT IS IT?

THEN HOW ABOUT ASKING YOUR GIRLFRIEND FOR ME?

OH, COME ON.

YOU KNOW. ATORI.

WILL YOU TELL ME WHERE HIS HOUSE IS?

...

DON'T YOU THINK THERE MIGHT BE A REASON THAT ATORI DOESN'T WANT TO SEE YOU?

DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF INSIGHT INTO IT ALL?

OR RATHER ...

COULD IT BE THAT HE WENT TO YOUR HOUSE RECENTLY?

HMM...?

YEAH.

I SEE.

I THOUGHT THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE.

...

Bring me a beer too.

...IS THERE SOME SORT OF REASON YOU CAN'T ANSWER ME?

IT'S NOT ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS, ANYWAY.

WHO KNOWS ...

This is for the beer

TOORU...

ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT HIM?

WHAT'S YOUR CONNECTION TO HIM?

DOES YOUR CUTE GIRLFRIEND KNOW?

...

I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME THING.

WHAT'S YOUR REASON?

I SEE...

REALLY?

...WHO KNOWS.

COULD IT BE THAT WE'RE RIVALS?

HAHA. SERIOUSLY?

MAYBE THE KIND OF CONNECTION WHERE HE COMES TO MY PLACE WHEN YOU TWO FIGHT?

CLICK

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HOHO BASTARD.

SLAM

[IN "Jealousy storm" is a line from Yamaguchi Momoe's song, Ai no Arashi. She was popular in the '70s.]

MMM.

HUH?

A JEALOUSY STORM"?

WHAT'S THAT?

TWIGGY

MOE-CHAN'S SONG

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN TOORU-SAN AT ALL?

NO...

HAVEN'T ALMOST TWO MONTHS PASSED ALREADY?

AREN'T YOU LONELY?

. NOT REALLY.

. I'M MEETING WITH HIKARU-SAN TONIGHT WANT TO COME?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I'LL JUST BE IN YOUR WAY.

YOU SHOULDN'T FORCE YOURSELF...

SHUT UP!

WHAT!?

OH. FINE, FINE.

...

AH-WELL, UM...

I-IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER EITHER WAY ..

SINCE IT'S ALREADY GROWN OUT, YOU SHOULD LET IT GET EVEN LONGER.

!

Don't touch it!

I get it, I get it

...

HEY HEY, WHERE SHOULD WE GO? WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT?

Stupid lovebirds

DON'T IGNORE ME.

OH, HEY, YUKI...

TOORU

I WONDER WHAT YOU'RE DOING

OH, SHINOMIYA. YOU GOING TO THE PARTY?

NO, I'M NOT.

What's with that?

MM.

Beep

Stare

Are you free? Shige

AH...

IT'S SHIGE-SAN...

AH...
SHIGE-SAN?

IT'S ME...
YEAH.

PI

...

HEY.

TODAY...
CAN I COME
OVER?

Ahh!

...SERIOUSLY?

YEAH...

HEY, MORE...

YEAH...

ARE YOU STILL GOING TO COLLEGE?

IS BEER OKAY?

YEAH.

YEAH.

ENOUGH SO THAT I WON'T HAVE TO REPEAT A YEAR.

HMM.

SO WE HAD THIS HUGE ARGUMENT, AND WE BROKE UP.

YEAH... IT'S CRAZY, RIGHT?

IT TURNED OUT TO BE COMPLETE BULLSHIT...

WHAT!?

DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU WERE GOING TO GET MARRIED SINCE SHE WAS PREGNANT?

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND, SHIGE-SAN?

YEAH.

WOW, THAT'S GREAT.

OH... I QUIT.

...GREAT?

YEAH.

LOOK, THAT...

I-I SEE...

IT MUST HAVE BEEN TERRIBLE...

YEAH, WELL.

YOU STILL WORKING AT THE BAR?

WHEN I GAVE YOU THAT SAME TATTOO...

SOMEHOW, YOU WERE SO PATHETIC THAT LOOKING AT YOU WAS PAINFUL.

WASN'T THE PROSTITUTION PARTLY JUST TO DISTRACT YOURSELF?

YOUR TATTOOED BOYFRIEND, WHATEVER HIS NAME WAS...

...

...

I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE...

WHAT'S WRONG?

...

That tickles...

YOU CUT YOUR HAIR.

IN ANY CASE, I'M GLAD THAT YOU QUIT.

WELL, MAYBE YOU WOULDN'T REALIZE THAT ON YOUR OWN.

YOU DON'T LIKE IT?

NO, THE SHORT HAIR LOOKS GOOD ON YOU, SHIGE-SAN.

YOU REALLY LIKE IT BETTER LONG, RIGHT?

MM...

THAT MIGHT NOT BE TRUE ANYMORE...

CREAK

REALLY?

...CAN I STAY HERE FOR A WHILE?

SURE.

HOW LONG?

... AS LONG AS YOU WANT.

Yeah ...

...HUH?

DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM BEING ALONE WITH ME?

THEN MAYBE I SHOULD GO TOO.

NO, IT'S JUST...

HE SAID HE'D FORGOT HE HAD PREP SCHOOL AND RAN OFF.

OH.

HIKARU-SAN, YOU'RE ALONE? WHERE'S YUKI?

NO... IF WE DID SEE EACH OTHER, WE'D JUST FIGHT AGAIN...

EVEN IF YOU DO, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT.

I MEAN, YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AT ALL, HAVE YOU?

IT'S ABOUT TOORU.

...

IT'S FINE, SO SIT DOWN. WE NEED TO TALK.

Not again...

...WHAT ABOUT?

NO? NOT REALLY. THERE'S A PRETTY BIG AGE DIFFERENCE.

DO YOU FIGHT WITH YUKI, HIKARU-SAN?

...I DON'T REALLY KNOW.

...WELL, LET'S NOT WORRY ABOUT US.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

THAT'S JUST HIS PERSONALITY.

BEFORE HE GETS MAD, HE SULKS. IT'S ANNOYING.

Ah-Choo

HMM...

In prep school.

...YEAH...

...

YOU STILL LIKE HIM, DON'T YOU?

...HIKARU-SAN.

...

TOORU IS DEFINITELY A STRANGE GUY, BUT

IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S SERIOUS ABOUT YOU...

...IF IT'S ABOUT WHAT I SAID BEFORE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

I WENT TOO FAR. SERIOUSLY.

HM?

THE PERSON THAT TOOK THIS PICTURE, AND...

WHO IS THAT?

SATOSHI?

THAT...

DID YOU KNOW SOMEONE NAMED SATOSHI?

TOORU'S PREVIOUS LOVER.

H-H-HE DIED!?

YEAH... TOORU SAID HE WAS IN AN ACCIDENT IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

HE WAS A PHOTOGRAPHER AND...

HE PASSED AWAY A YEAR AGO...

TOORU SAID... HE HAD A MALE LOVER EVEN THOUGH HE'S NOT GAY?

?

YEAH.

BUT BEFORE THEY COULD BECOME AN OFFICIAL COUPLE, HE DIED...

IT SEEMS LIKE TOORU HASN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIM YET...

MAYBE THAT'S PART OF THE REASON I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM...

OH...

...WOULD YOU SAY THAT SATOSHI KIND OF LOOKED LIKE ME?

OH. YEAH. LONG HAIR... HE MIGHT HAVE LOOKED SIMILAR.

I REMEMBER. HIS HAIR USED TO BE LIKE THIS.

...NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I HEARD ONCE BEFORE

THAT HE WAS DATING A MAN WITH LONG HAIR.

THAT'S RIGHT. IT WAS ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO...

HE DIDN'T SHOW HIS FACE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR A WHILE.

WHEN HE DID, I WAS SURPRISED BY JUST HOW MUCH HE'D CHANGED.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S CHEATING?

IF HE WAS ALIVE, I COULD COMPETE WITH HIM, BUT...

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN MATCH SOMEONE WHO'S DEAD...

THAT'S WHY, I... SEEING HIM IS PAINFUL, I GUESS...

...MAYBE.

BUT HE'S NOT HERE ANYMORE.

BAM

I SEE... THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

...NO...

UNLIKE YOU, HE CAN'T EVEN BE WITH TOORU.

ANYWAY, HAVE YOU EVEN TALKED TO TOORU ABOUT THIS?

...

HE'S BAD AT UNDERSTAND-ING PEOPLE'S FEELINGS.

SO, HE PROBABLY DOESN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU LEFT.

YEAH...

NOTHING WILL BE RESOLVED IF YOU JUST KEEP RUNNING AWAY.

...

...WELL,

YOU SHOULD TRY AND TALK TO HIM AT LEAST ONCE.

YEAH...

HE'S NOT HERE...

Ding Dong

I GUESS HIS PHONE'S TURNED OFF.

It won't connect

Pi

WHAT SHOULD I DO...

WHERE ARE YOU, TOORU.

HEY, ISN'T COMBINING ICE CREAM AND ALCOHOL PRETTY GROSS?

IT'S TOTALLY FINE.

I LIKE SWEET THINGS.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOU HAVE BEEN EATING A LOT OF SWEETS.

HEHE...

HERE, DRINK SOME MORE ALCOHOL.

YEAH.

OH, NICE, NICE.

ME TOO...

HEY!

MMM... ♡

YOU REALLY DO HAVE A PRETTY FACE.

CAN I KISS YOU?

SURE.

KNOCK IT OFF, YOU GUYS!

HE'S NOT A TOY!

IT'S FINE, DON'T BE SUCH A STIFF, SHIGE...

IT'S NO BIG DEAL, SHIGE-SAN.

WE'RE JUST PLAYING AROUND.

Right, right.

NO, I LIKE THEM.

HEY, ARE YOU SHIGE'S GIRL-FRIEND?

YOU DISLIKE WOMEN?

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO KNOCK IT OFF!

IT'S FINE. LET'S HAVE A FOURSOME.

Yeah.

LET'S ALL DO IT. GET IN HERE, SHIGE.

MAN... I'M SO HORNY...

HEY, COME OVER HERE.

WHA...

...YOU DRANK TOO MUCH.

EHEHE...

I HAVEN'T HAD THAT MUCH. REALLY...

It is not fine

NN...

AH...

AH...

THAT KID IS REALLY SOMETHING

HE SEEMS KIND OF OFF THOUGH.

IS HE ALL RIGHT?

!!

Greek

WHO KNOWS.

...HEY.

WAKE UP, TOORU.

NN...

...HUH? WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

THEY LEFT. IT'S ALREADY NOON.

THE WHOLE HOUSE REEKS OF ALCOHOL AND SEX. MAKES ME WANT TO THROW UP.

Open

JEEZ...

REALLY?

WHAT'S WRONG? YOUR SMELL IS IN HERE TOO.

stagger

...YOU'RE STILL DRUNK. KNOCK IT OFF ALREADY.

WHAT...?

SLAM

SORRY, SORRY.

I'LL CLEAN UP AS SOON AS I'VE TAKEN A BATH.

...TOORU.

HM?

OH, ATORI?

YOU BROUGHT A KID BY THE SHOP A WHILE AGO.

WHO WAS THAT?

I GUESS.

I DON'T REALLY KNOW.

"WENT OUT", YOU SA.D. SO YOU BROKE UP, THEN.

WELL, I REALLY DON'T KNOW.

HE JUST SUDDENLY GOT MAD AND RAN OFF. I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE THEN.

WHAT DON'T YOU KNOW?

WE WENT OUT FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

HE'S A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ...

WHAT!?

YOU AND A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?

I GUESS I HAVE NO LUCK WITH MEN.

THE FIRST ONE DIED, THE SECOND ONE LEFT.

...

WHAT WAS HIS NAME AGAIN?

RUSTLE

...

IT'S ATORI. IT MEANS BIRD OF THE HEAVENS.

HMM... THAT'S STRANGE.

IT'S THE CELL PHONE CHARGER YOU ASKED FOR.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT. HERE, TAKE THIS.

AH, THANKS!

IT'S SUCH A PAIN TO GO BACK TO MY APARTMENT.

HEY, YOU HUNGRY?

WANT TO GO OUT AND GET SOME RAMEN OR SOMETHING?

YEAH.

YEAH.

AH, HOLD ON A MINUTE.

Ring

ATORI,

LET'S GET SOMETHING TO EAT ON THE WAY HOME.

... OH... SHIGE-SAN!?

RIGHT SO.

MY NAME IS SHIGE....

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER, FROM THE TATTOO PARLOR...

OK.

YOU GO AHEAD AND I'LL CATCH UP.

HELLO?

UM... ATORI?

HUH?

THAT'S ME. WHO ARE YOU?

I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.

!

SHIGE-SAN'S NOT HERE RIGHT NOW.

YEAH, YEAH, WHO IS IT?

Ding Dong

COMING.

Click

Hurrch

IT'S BEEN A WHILE...

ATORI!?

WELL...

SHIGE-SAN GAVE ME A CALL.

H-HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT I WAS HERE!?

THAT'S...

A

WHAT!?

HE SAID I SHOULD COME SEE YOU ONCE...

SO...

...

SLAM

IT'S FINE, COME ON IN.

IT'S COLD OUT HERE.

UH...

...I GUESS YOU SHOULD COME IN.

...

IS THIS REALLY OKAY?

IT'S FINE.

SHIGE-SAN WON'T SAY ANYTHING.

COME OVER HERE.

TOORU, I...

SNG

CRUNKLE

HEY...

...

MM...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...

IS IT BECAUSE YOU LIKE HIM?

...WHY ARE YOU AT SHIGE-SAN'S PLACE?

IF...

THAT WAS SO, I...

...

WHY DIDN'T YOU ANSWER YOUR PHONE?

!

...

MORE IMPORTANTLY ...

WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS KIND OF THING TO ME?

I DON'T REALLY HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN THIS, SO EXPLAIN.

WH... WHAT KIND OF THING?

COME ON.

AM I YOUR STALKER OR SOMETHING?

...!

MAKING ME CALL YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN, BLOCKING MY NUMBER.

ARE YOU PLAYING WITH ME?

NOT TO MENTION,

WHEN YOU RAN OFF FROM MY HOUSE, YOU WENT TO HIKARU-SAN'S PLACE?

...THAT WASN'T MY INTENTION.

THAT'S REALLY GREAT.

YOU TELL ME NOT TO DO IT WITH OTHER GUYS...

...I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WITH HIKARU-SAN.

LIKE I CAN BELIEVE THAT!

AND THEN YOU GO TO THE NICE MAN'S HOUSE?

WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?

THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T BELIEVE ME!

WHAT ARE YOU ACCUSING ME OF?

WHAT!?

YOU THINK I'M LIKE THAT BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY THAT YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN!

...

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE THAT YOURSELF!

...!

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?

THAT'S JUST AN EXCUSE.

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DISAPPEARED!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE THAT WAY THAT I...

BUT... YOU'RE HERE RIGHT NOW, TOORU.

YOU'RE...

SLEEPING WITH HIM, I'M SURE.

I'M HOME... OH.

Click

...OOPS?

!

...AH.

It's been a while.

"ATORI"?

...

...YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CALLED HIM.

I HOPE I DIDN'T DISTURB YOU.

UM...

I'LL LEAVE.

I'LL JUST LEAVE.

YOU DID.

YOU MUST HAVE LOOKED AT MY CELL PHONE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.

DID I STICK MY NOSE WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG?

...I!

COULDN'T BE HELPED. I WAS WORRIED.

SLAM

Stomp

Stomp

Stomp

IS IT OKAY NOT TO CHASE AFTER HIM?

IT'S FINE...

...

YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE.

WELL, WHATEVER.

NOW HE'LL UNDERSTAND THE WAY THINGS ARE AND BE ABLE TO RELAX.

I JUST THINK YOU'D BEST THINK ABOUT THE REASON THAT HE DELIBERATELY CAME ALL THE WAY HERE.

...SHIGE-SAN.

AM I IN YOUR WAY?

...NO?

I SAID YOU COULD STAY AS LONG AS YOU WANT.

HOW DOES EVERYONE ELSE KNOW...?

SHIGE-SAN.

I... I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND PEOPLE'S FEELINGS.

IT'S BECAUSE WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT WE DESPERATELY KEEP TRYING.

...

NO ONE KNOWS. I DON'T KNOW.

...

I DON'T KNOW.

THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD THINK CAREFULLY.

...THINK SO HARD YOU GET A FEVER.

...

UNDERSTAND?

STUDYING ALL DAY!

WOW.

ATORI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING SATURDAY?

YOU SHOULDN'T JUST STUDY ALL THE TIME.

Sorry, sorry.

That's right. Let's go.

WANT TO GO BOWLING? YUKI SAID HE'D COME.

HMM... NO THANKS.

YEAH!

WELL, WHATEVER. WHAT TIME SHOULD WE GO TOMORROW?

LET'S FACE OFF AGAINST THE GIRLS.

WHAT!?

HASN'T HE BEEN PRETTY DEPRESSED LATELY?

What's wrong?

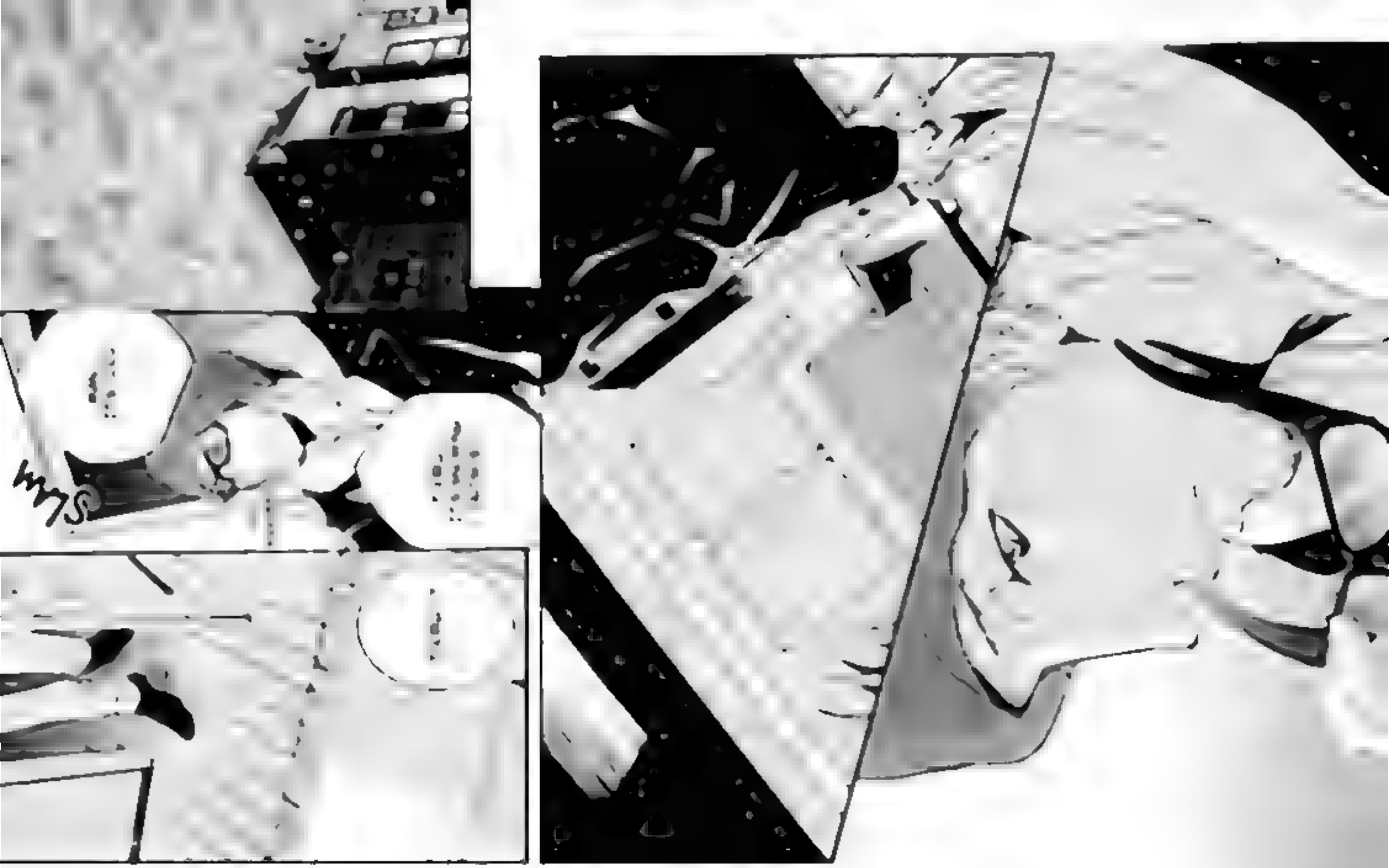
...HE'S REALLY DOWN.

Whisper

...

WOW... IT'S SNOWING...

I wonder if it'll stick.



I'm sorry I was a bother Thank you for everything Shuge has your hair really does look good short! Toots

HMM

MAN

I'M ALONE AGAIN

TOORU. .

HMM...

OH... GEEZ.

FOCUS. FOCUS. FOCUS!!

SQUEEZE

SQUEEZE

I WONDER IF HE'S STILL AT THAT GUY'S PLACE...

MOM MADE SUPPER. DO YOU WANT TO EAT?

HMM...

I'LL EAT LATER. YOU GO AHEAD.

Okay

CLOSE

WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

What's with your head?

STARE

GRANDMA'S HOUSE. THEY SA.D THEY'D BE BACK TOMORROW MORNING.

A-CHAN, MAMA AND PAPA ARE GOING OUT!

Knock Knock

MM.

DING DONG DING DONG

OH, I'M COMING!

A-CHAN, GET THAT... I'M IN THE BATHROOM...

GEEZ, YOU'RE ANNOYING!

DING DONG

MM.

...!

WH-WHY!?

WHY ARE YOU HERE!?

I INVESTIGATED. I'M COMING IN.

It's cold.

TO... TOORU!?

Step

OH-AH-WAIT-WAIT A MINUTE!

YO.

WHAT IS THIS?

It's little

MY LITTLE BROTHER...

REALLY?

A-CHAN, WHO IS IT?

OH!

HM.

HEY, THIS IS PRETTY CLEAN.

SLAM

REALLY?

Oh... He's hot...

Don't follow...

YEAH, I SEE THE RESEMBLANCE.

...ANYWAY, HOW DID YOU FIND MY HOUSE!?

WHAT?

AS LONG AS YOU KNOW THE TELEPHONE NUMBER, THE ADDRESS IS EASY TO FIND.

What?

OH, YOU WERE STUDYING?

English

I-IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT, YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST CALLED!

YE-YEAH...

EXAMS ARE CLOSE...

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ANSWERED, I'M SURE!

...SHIT!

IN ANY CASE, I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU FACE-TO-FACE.

YEAH.

WH-WHAT ABOUT...?

...

TALK?

DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

HUH?

CLENCH

WHAT...

(Yeah)

I KNOW THAT IT BOTHERS YOU.

BUT DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT?

...

TOORU, I...

ALL THE THINGS THAT I'VE DONE...

HOW DO I ERASE THAT?

UH...

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY YOU DISAPPEARED.

I'M TIRED OF THINKING.

I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...

I GUESS I REALLY AM KIND OF STRANGE...

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU WANT TO DO WITH ME ?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO ?
I REALLY AM AM ABOUT
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER FELT LIKE THIS
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO
OH
CLOSE TO YOU THE ONE WHO DISAPPEARED
YOU MUST HAVE SOME THAT BE ALIVE YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE ME ANYMORE

YOU DECIDE.

I'VE JUST BEEN THINKING ABOUT MYSELF.

TOORU...

EVEN THOUGH I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED.

I DON'T WANT TO BREAK UP.

I... I DON'T WANT TO...

I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU...

I DIDN'T EVEN THINK OF TOORU'S HEART,

...WHY DID I

I'M SORRY,

LET GO OF THIS HAND...?

TOORU...

...

I... IT WAS SATOSHI-SAN WHO BOTHERED ME.

Y-YOU WON'T BE MAD?

WHAT!?

SENPAI!? WHY?

WHAT IS IT!

IT-IT'S JUST, I...

IT WASN'T ABOUT YOUR PAST...

...WHAT?

...

IT'S JUST... YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIM.

I THOUGHT IT MIGHT NOT MATTER HOW MUCH YOU LIKE ME...

NO, I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIM, BUT...

WHY IN THE WORLD ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THAT?

...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...

HE'S NOT HERE ANYMORE!

CLENCH

...

Y...

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT EITHER ...?

...YOUR TATTOO AND YOUR HAIRTIE...

I'VE BEEN WORRYING ABOUT IT ALL THIS TIME...

...

I SUPPOSE I CAN UNDER-STAND.

Maybe

BUT... YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM HIM.

I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT, BUT...

I WON'T KNOW UNLESS YOU TELL ME...

YE-YEAH...

...

I UNDER-
STAND NOW.

I SAID I'M
SORRY...

YOU'RE
DIFFERENT...

I'M
SORRY...

DROOP

WH-
WHAT'S THE
MATTER!?

MM...
HOLD ON...

Dizzy

...

HM?

HE'S LIKE A CAT...

...I GUESS THAT'S FINE.

I NEED A NAP...

SO I JUST SUDDENLY GOT SLEEPY AS SOON AS THINGS WERE WORKED OUT.

Creak

I HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING WELL LATELY...

HUH?

...I THINK I'M JUST RELIEVED.

JUST SLEEPING IS FINE.

I'VE REALLY BEEN SLEEP-DEPRIVED...

SERIOUSLY, LET ME SLEEP...

Creak

...DO YOU WANT ME TO SLEEP WITH YOU?

HM...?

...

HEY, TOORU.

...YOU'RE CLOSE TO SHIGE-SAN.

You're heavy.

...I DON'T LIKE HIM. YOU'RE TOO CLOSE.

THE TRUTH IS, I...

KI... KISSED HIKARU AND STUFF.

BUT HE'S OBNOXIOUS. HE PREACHES AND GETS ANGRY EASILY.

WE DON'T HAVE ROMANTIC FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER.

...IT'S NOT LIKE THAT WITH SHIGE-SAN.

...HIKARU-SAN JUST WORRIES.

...IT'S THE SAME WITH US.

I'M SORRY...

THUD

AH!

...WANT TO DO IT?

WHAT!?

SUN

N-NO. NO WAY.

DAMN.

MY LITTLE BROTHER COMES IN WITHOUT ASKING. THE LITTLE BRAT.

MY TATTOO...

SHOULD I GET IT REMOVED?

WHA...

...

ATORI...

IT'S A..
REAL
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
DO THIS
BUT
OTHERS YOU
REAL ?

IT'S
FOR NOW
REAL..
AFTER A..
I
..WE A..
OF U
RECEIVING
"ME"
OH
I SEE
I SEE
IT'S FINE
JUST LET
ME SLEEP
ALREADY
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
MADE ME
SAY IT
THAT'S
KIND OF
CHEESY
CAN
I STAY
OVER?
HM?
IT'S FINE
I GUESS

WHAT ABOUT SUPPER, A-CHAN?

I WASN'T PLANNING ON IT. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN SEEING A MAN SLEEPING.

Munch

DON'T NEED IT. GO AHEAD AND EAT.

Okay.

OH, IS THAT SO?

HEY, KAITO.

THAT GUY IS STAYING OVER, SO DON'T COME IN!

SLAM

...

OKAY... IT'S LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A GIRL STAY OVER.

Heheheh.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL MOM, EITHER!

SLEEPING LIKE A ROCK...

Breathe. Breathe.

SQUEAK

THERE

I'M SURE I'LL NEVER REALLY

UNDERSTAND ...

THE REASON FOR THIS FEELING..

A-CHAN, MOM SAYS TO HURRY AND GET UP!

I GOT IT!

DO YOU MIND YOUR EGGS SUNNYSIDE UP?

...
There she goes again

THAT'S FINE.

Oh

Haha

YES, YES.

JUST SIT DOWN THERE AND EAT SOME BREAKFAST.

OH, WHAT'S THIS? A FRIEND CAME OVER!?

AH, HELLO. I'M SHINOMIYA.

REALLY!?

...SHE'S STILL IN HER THIRTIES.

She had me when she was 21

Sizzle

YO, YOUR MOM'S REALLY PRETTY. YOUNG, TOO.

SHE'S LIKE YOUR OLDER SISTER.

Thanks Mom

THERE. THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH!

Pull Pull

GEEZ, HOW DEPRESSING. CUT IT OFF ALREADY.

Here, go ahead.

NO WAY. SERIOUSLY!? SHE MIGHT BE MY TYPE, YOU KNOW?

JUST HURRY UP AND GET GOING!

AHH...

OWOW OWOW.

HOLD ON A MINUTE!

...
Drop it

MOM, TIE UP MY HAIR.

Heh...

SURE.

THANKS FOR THE MEAL...

FEEL FREE TO COME EAT WITH US AGAIN!

...WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME? THE STATION'S THAT WAY.

I-I SEE...

IT'S NICE AT YOUR HOUSE. MY PARENTS ALWAYS NEGLECTED ME BECAUSE OF WORK.

WE HARDLY EVER ATE A MEAL TOGETHER LIKE THAT.

IT'S FINE. I'M FREE, SO I'LL SEE YOU OFF.

HEY, HOW DO YOU GET TO SCHOOL?

By bus

OH...

...

THAT'S THE BUS STOP?

Whimp

Ahaha

WEIRD HEAD...

YOU'LL STAND OUT. IT'S CLOSE. I DON'T NEED YOU TO WALK ME.

GEEZ...

DON'T FOLLOW...

I'LL GO WITH YOU TO SCHOOL.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STANDS OUT!

STARE

GOOD MORNING...

!?

ATORI...!!

!

...

YO.

YOU LIVE AROUND HERE TOO, PRINCESS?

I'M SEEING HIM OFF...

RIGHT?

...

PR- PRINCESS?? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ANYWAY?

N-NO. I JUST TRANSFER HERE... TOORU-SAN!?

...

AH- THAT'S MEAN...

YUKI... YOU CAN IGNORE HIM.

HEY, HEY.

PRINCESS... DO YOU REMEMBER ME?

I'M GOING TO GET GOING.

SEE YOU.

...WHY SO SUDDENLY...

WH-WHAT'S WRONG?

...I THOUGHT YOU WERE FREE.

HEY, ATORI!

HM.

??

HOLD ON A SECOND!

TOORU!

HM...?

SEE YOU.

YEAH, BYE-BYE.

In front of everyone...

...

Bump

OH!

...HM?

WHAT'S WRONG?

hic

N...

NOTHING...

SO YOU MADE UP WITH TOORU-SAN...

THAT'S GOOD...

WHA...

OH, YEAH...

THANKS...

...

POUF

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL OF A SUDDEN...?

WHAT!?

I-I GUESS I JUST GOT PISSED OFF...

OW-

...

I REALLY DON'T GET YOU,

YOU WEIRDO!!

YEAH...

LET'S GO ALREADY. THE BUS IS HERE.

WHAT'S WITH THAT..

HAPPY FACE.

YEAH... BUT, HEY,

I WONDER IF THOSE TWO WILL REALLY BE OK.

THAT'S GOOD, I GUESS, BUT

OH...

SO THEY MADE UP.

Welcome.

SOMEHOW...

I THINK YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND TOO IF YOU SAW THEM TOGETHER, HIKARU-SAN.

REALLY...?

THEN THEY'VE FINALLY REALIZED THAT THEY'RE EACH OTHER'S NUMBER ONE.

Poke Poke

THOSE TWO ARE REALLY GOOD TOGETHER.

...I DON'T THINK SO.

HEHE...

THAT'S GOOD. I WAS TOO EMBARRASSED TO TELL YOU...

...YOU LITTLE...

DO YOU...

STILL THINK THAT YOU'RE MY NUMBER TWO?

Bite

HUH?

...

HIKARU-SAN.

HM?

UM...

HEY.
HIKARU-SAN!

FROM THA...AND?
I GOT A TEXT MESSAGE FROM ATORI AND TOORU-SAN.
YEAH.

I PRINTED OUT A PICTURE TOO.

IT SAYS THAT THEY'RE THERE DURING THE UNIVERSITY'S SUMMER VACATION.

IT SEEMS THEY'RE WANDERING THE COUNTRYSIDE RIGHT NOW.

REALLY...

WHOA. THEY LOOK LIKE NATIVES!!

IT MUST BE NICE TO TRAVEL TOGETHER.

HAHA...

THEY'VE BEEN OUT IN THE SUN SO MUCH THAT THEY'RE COMPLETELY TAN...

ONCE THEY GET BACK, WE SHOULD ALL GO OUT DRINKING

SINCE YOU TWO ARE FINALLY LEGAL.

YEAH...

THEY LOOK PRETTY HAPPY...

YEAH. I WONDER IF THEY'LL BE BACK SOON...

HAHA...

YEAH...

YEAH. AFTER ALL, THEY WORKED PART-TIME AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE FOR A LONG TIME FOR THIS.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT THEM, IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE DOING WELL.

TOORU!

I'VE BEEN PLAYING WITH THIS GIRL,

RIGHT?

Hehe.

Pant pant

JEEZ... I THOUGHT YOU GOT LOST...

LET'S GO. IT'S ALMOST SUNSET.

YEAH.

Bye-bye

Bye-bye.

I GOT A PAPAYA.

HMM...

TOORU, HAVE YOU DECIDED ON YOUR FUTURE PLANS? WILL YOU GO TO GRADUATE SCHOOL?

YEAH.

I HAVE SOME PROFESSORS RECOMMENDING ME, AND MY PARENTS SAY THEY'LL PAY THE TUITION.

WOW.

I BOUGHT SOME JUICE, SO LET'S TAKE A REST.

IT'S STILL A LITTLE FARTHER UNTIL THE BUS STOP.

YEAH.

YEAH.

I'M GOING TO GET IT THIS TIME.

DO YOUR BEST.

HOW'S YOUR MANUSCRIPT COMING?

YOU'RE TRYING FOR SOME AWARD, RIGHT?

...THAILAND IS REALLY GREAT.

I WANT TO COME AGAIN.

YEAH...

...

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...you're drooling.

AH!

Snore Snore

...

RULES

POST SCRIPT

Dream of being chased by a white alligator

HEAPS OF CORPSES.

...I THINK THAT I DID PRETTY WELL. (SWEATDROP)

THIS TIME, I ENDED UP DRAWING ALMOST 300 TOTALLY NEW PAGES.

bow bow

Hello, everyone. This is Miyamoto Kano.

I'm so glad you read Rules to the very end.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE REASON I WAS ABLE TO FINISH RULES WAS BECAUSE OF EVERYONE'S SUPPORT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WATCHING OVER THE PATHS OF THESE FOUR PEOPLE!

I REALLY CAUSED MY SUPERVISOR A LOT OF TROUBLE. THERE WAS A LOT OF SLEEP LOST...

Someday I'll return the favor...

CRY

OH, I'M REALLY SORRY

WITH THIS, RULES IS FINISHED, BUT I THINK I'D LIKE TO WRITE SOME MORE SIDE STORIES. I HAVEN'T DECIDED ON DETAILS, BUT PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT.

THE WORLD THAT HAS CONTINUED IN THE HYDRA DOUJINSHI, LOVERS AND SOULS, AND RULES WILL SOON BE COMPLETELY FINISHED... IT'S A COMPLEX FEELING, BOTH SAD AND HAPPY.

For more information on the Hydra doujinshi, see my homepage. ▶
http://curve.rulez.jp

FINALLY, TO EVERYONE WHO WAITED SO LONG, AND TO EVERYONE WHO BOUGHT THIS BOOK, TO ALL MY READERS, MY THANKS!

The party after returning.

I'LL BE DILIGENTLY PASSING EACH DAY IN THE HOPES THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO MEET AGAIN. UNTIL THEN!!

PLEASE READ THE STORY OF TOORU AND HIS PREVIOUS LOVER, MATSOUKA-SENPAI, IN LOVERS AND SOULS.

That's right. That's right.

An announcement.

Lovers and Souls

This isn't the front cover.

BECAUSE THIS IS A SERIES I'VE BEEN DRAWING FOR 6 YEARS ALTOGETHER, I'M ESPECIALLY ATTACHED TO IT. I DREW A LOT OF CHARACTERS WHOM I LIKED, SO IT WAS A LOT OF FUN!

A heartbroken Shuge-san.

I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED ME TO PUBLISH THIS FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

AH, STILL, I'M GLAD THAT IT'S FINISHED. (SWEATDROP)

I'm not mad.

No... Um...

Cheers...

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